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10 June 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: SB/CI/O

SUBJECT : Mykhaylo RUD'KO []

1. Mykhaylo RUD'KO informed AECASSOWARY/29 that an approach was made to him by a Soviet citizen with the request that he return to the Ukraine. RUD'KO was in operational contact with the CIA in Munich in the early 1950's, in the capacity of a CI informant. The case officer at that time was []

2. RUD'KO, who has been in correspondence with a cousin Bohdan TSYTNARSKYY, in the Ukraine for several years, received a letter early in 1969 from TSYTNARSKYY (AKA:CYTNARSKYY), stating that he was coming to Vienna and would like to see him. When TSYTNARSKYY telephoned from Vienna, where he had arrived with a tourists group, RUD'KO told him that because of a heart condition he could not travel to Vienna but that he could meet TSYTNARSKYY in Salzburg, which the latter agreed to do.

3. RUD'KO and TSYTNARSKYY met in Salzburg on 17 April. TSYTNARSKYY said that he was attached to the tourist group at the last minute, when he was told that he would be going to Vienna. His "protector" who also was attached to the group, sent him to RUD'KO to convince him to return home. TSYTNARSKYY told RUD'KO that the KGB has been pressuring him since the early 1960's to persuade his cousin to return to the homeland. TSYTNARSKYY also said that he was told that if he

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did not persuade his cousin to return during the trip to Vienna that he would be fired from his job. RUD'KO told TSYTNARSKYY that it was out of the question to consider that he would return. TSYTNARSKYY pleaded with him to at least talk to his "protector," Vasyl' LNU, who would be in Salzburg the following morning. Although RUD'KO promised to do so, he returned to Munich immediately after the meeting with TSYTNARSKYY. The next day TSYTNARSKYY, telephoned him to express great disappointment at not being able to see him again and to ask whether they could meet in the near future. RUD'KO said he would be happy to see him if he wanted to come to Munich and only if he would confine their discussion to family affairs.

4. AECASSOWARY/29 advised RUD'KO to report the Soviet approach made to him to German authorities, and it is believed RUD'KO followed A/29's instructions. This office has no operational interest in RUD'KO.

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